

Fort Pitt Aug 12/60

Tricky with Sir Nations
&c. General Ambrose's
famous Speech

Sam^d Wharton's

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At a Meeting held at Fort Pitt August the 12th 1760.

Present

The Honourable Brigadier General Monckton Commander of all his Majesty's Forces in the Southern Provinces.

Sir John St. Clair Deputy Quarter Master General

Colonel James Burd

Major Horatio Gates

Captain Walther

Captain Barnsbey

Captain Campbell

Captain Gordon

} with a Number of other Officers and Gentlemen of the Army

George Croghan Esq^r Deputy Agent for Indian Affairs

Captain Thomas M^r Kee

M^r Thomas Hutchins } Assistants

Captain Montour Interpreter.

Six Nations

Toungouarawa

Connagoguadd

Oferdungafo

Broadedeccha

} Chiefs

72 Warriors

48 Women

30 Children

Indians

Delawares

The Beaver

Delaware George

Nettewellchee

Teadyuncung

} Chiefs

202 Warriors

168 Women

191 Children

Shawnee

Buckshinatha

Kethecomey

} Chiefs

26 Warriors

18 Women

26 Children

Wyandotts

Sonaguchana

Sonendecha

} Chiefs

42 Warriors

22 Women

10 Children

Twightwee

Neckennoch, a Chief

11 Warriors

6 Women

14 Children

Ottawas

Mifinago, a Chief

9 Warriors

4 Women

16 Children

Potawatomes

Neaponahan, a Chief

5 Warriors

The General opened the Conference with the following Speeches
Brethren, Chiefs and Warriors,

It gives me great pleasure to see so many of our Brethren of the Different Nations met here on my invitation. I bid you all heartily welcome, and with this String I wipe the Tears from your Eyes, that you may see, and open your Ears that you may hear what I have to say to you

Brethren,

Gave a String

As the intent of this meeting is to renew and brighten the Ancient Chain of Friendship between his Majesty's Subjects and all Nations of Indians to the Sun setting I clear the Passage to your Hearts that no bad Thoughts or apprehensions may Harbour

Gave a String

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Brethren, Kings, Captains and Warriors of the Many Nations.

Take Notice of what I am going to say, in the Name of the Chief Commander of all His Majesty's Forces on this Continent.

Brethren, Let you know, that our great King has sent me into this Country to lead and Command all His Warriors, and that he has given me a Sword, to Protect and Defend His Subjects, and to Act against His Enemies.

Brethren, As I have nothing more at Heart, than the good and Welfare of the whole Community, I do assure all the Indian Nations, That his Majesty has not sent me to deprive any of you, of your Lands and Property, on the contrary, so long as you adhere to His interest and by your Behavior give Proofs of the Sincerity of your Attachment to His Royal Person and Cause, I will defend and Maintain you in your just Rights, and give you all the aid and assistance you may stand in need of, to repress the Dangers you may be liable to, from the Enemy, thro' your Attachment to us.

This I firmly mean to adhere to, so long as you behave like good and faithful Allies. But, on the other Hand, if any of you should Commit any Act of Hostility, or do any Injury to any of his Majesty's Subjects, you are sensible, I must reward it, and Retaliate, upon them, and you know, that I have the might to do so, — tenfold, for every Breach of Treaty, or Outrage, you could be guilty of. And if any of his Majesty's Subjects, under any Command, should Kill, or injure, any of our Indian Brethren, they shall upon proof thereof receive equal Punishment.

As a proof of the Truth and Sincerity of what I have said, I give you this Belt.

Brethren, Kings, Captains and Warriors, I mean not to take any of your Lands, But as the Necessity of his Majesty's Service, Obliged me, to take Post, and Build Forts in some parts of your Country, to protect ^{our} Trade with you, and Prevent the Enemy from taking Possession of your Lands, and hunting both you and us, as you are sensible, that if we do not build Forts, the French will. In that case I assure you, that no part whatever of your Land joining the Forts, shall be taken from you, nor any of our people be permitted to hunt or settle upon them. But, they shall remain your absolute property, and I will even promise you some presents, as a consideration for the Land, where such Forts, and Trading Houses, are, or may be built upon; and as it is Expensive and inconvenient for us to carry provisions for our Warriors, from our Settlements to these Forts, and also to supply our Brethren the Indians, when they come to see us, if you will lay out a Space of Ground adjoining every Fort to raise Corn. In that case fix yourselves the limits of that part of your Land so appropriated to us, and you will receive such a Consideration for it as will be agreed between you and us, to your Satisfaction.

As a proof of the Truth and Sincerity of what I have said, I give you this Belt.

Brethren, Kings, Captains and Warriors, of the several Nations, People, who

will join his Majesty's Arms, and be aiding and assisting in Subduing the Common Enemy, shall be well rewarded, And those that may not Chuse to Act in Conjunction with the Forces, shall be equally protected, provided, they do not join, in any Act of Hostility with the Enemy, or Carry them Intelligence which might prove prejudicial to the Publick Good. Upon these Terms, you shall find me your Fast Friends. But, on a Breach of them, you would Force me to Treat you as our Enemies, the Consequences of which would be Fatal to you, and very disagreeable to the King my Master. I say this out of the Tender regard I have for the Lives and Welfare of our Brethren the Indians, And I chuse you should know what you have to trust to, since I intend to be as good as my Word.

Given under my Hand and Seal of Arms, At Head Quarters at Fort George in the City of New York, this Twenty seventh day of April One Thousand Seven Hundred and sixty.

Jeff: Amherst. 

By His Excellencies Command
J. Appoy.

Friends & Brethren,

With this Belt I take you all by the Hand, and Renew and brighten, the Chain of Friendship between the Great King's Subjects, and your several Nations, May it long remain so, then your wives and children, with daily Experience, the Friendship, and Sincerity of your True Friends, and Brethren the English

Gave a Belt

The General then acquainted all the Indians present that he had called this meeting to strengthen and brighten, the Chain of Friendship, which he had now done, that the King his Master had sent to him a Quantity of Goods for a Present for them to be distributed amongst the several Nations as a token of his regard for them, which they would receive as soon as the Business was all finished; that he was done speaking and was ready to hear any thing they had to say to him.

The Chief of the Six Nations then got up and made the following Speech, Heshew the Delaware, and Brethren of all other Nations, Listen to what I am going to say to you,

You have heard what our Brethren the English have said to you, and you all know that we the Six Nations and our Brethren the English have but one Head and one Heart, what ever hurts them, hurts us, we feel the pain equal with them. We desire you may Harbour nothing that is evil in your minds or listen to any bad Reports that may be spread through the instigation of the evil Spirit of them, but Act as we do who are determined to live and dye with our Brethren the English, let all Nations take Notice of what I say to them in behalf of the Six Nations. With this string I bury all that is past and take away all evil thoughts from your Remembrance. Give them a String of Wampum

The Chief Warrior of the Six Nations spoke as follows. But then the Warriors of all Nations give attention to what the Warriors of the Six Nations are going to say to you —
Brethren,

You have heard what has been said to you by our Brethren the English and our Chiefs, we desire you may Lodge it in your Hearts, and not open your ears to any evil Reports for the future, but let as our Brethren the English have desired you, which will prevent any disputes arising amongst us, for we assure you by this String that we will support the English in every thing they undertake
Gave a String

At a Meeting August the 14th 1760
Present

The Honourable Brigadier General Monckton Commander of all His Majesty's Forces in the Southern Provinces,

Sir John M'Clair Deputy Quarter Master General
Colonel Bird

Major Gates

Capt. Mather

Capt. Barnsly

Capt. Campbell

Capt. Gordon

George Brogham Esq. Deputy Agent for Indians

Capt. Thomas M'Clair

M^r. Thomas Hutchinson & Associates

Capt. Montour Interpreter.

The Reverend King of the Delaware made the following speech
Brethren,

Yesterday you repeated over to me the speeches you made at the Publick meeting. With the Indians the day before, as we were drinking I forgot to show you those Belts which I received lately in the great King's name, what was said on them seems to agree with what you have said, perhaps you know these Belts.

The General then desired the Interpreter to ask the River from whom those Belts were received, to which he answered from Isaac Kill who came to their Country the Beginning of this month.

The River spoke again as follows,

Under the Six Nations and Grand Children the Shawnees, Wyandots, Twightwees Ottawas and Putawatimies listen to what I am going to say to our Brethren the English, then addressing himself to the General, said,
Brethren,

With this String of wampum I declare your ears that you may hear what is going to be said to you in behalf of all Nations now present
Gave a String

George a Delaware Chief then spoke as follows

Brother, We have heard what you said to us from the great King, when we look that way



which is to the Sun rising, meaning the Country of the English, we think that God is his
Counsellor as we never hear any thing from that Quarter but what is good, and what we
hear, we lay close to our Hearts. As his Speeches always gives us Pleasure and makes
our Hearts glad. Brother take pity of our Women, Children and Warriors we are a poor
People, and cannot live without you, be strong, let a fair and Honest Trade be carried on by your
People amongst us.

Delivered a Belt of 9 Rows all white

Brother, / the Beaver Speaker /

By this Belt I inform you that the Governor of Pennsylvania has sent us an invitation to
go down there to the Old Council fire, made thereby our Brethren the English and our
Grandfathers, with this invitation I am well pleased, but at present I have a great deal of
Business to do, I must go and acquaint all Nations with what has passed at this Treaty,
therefore cannot go down at this time, but early next Summer I intend to go down and
visit it

Gave a Belt of 8 Rows some Black

Brother, / the Beaver Speaker /

By the Speeches you made to us two days ago you took fast hold of all the Nations
in friendship by the Hand from the Sun rising to the Sun setting, it gives us great
Pleasure, Brother, be strong hold fast don't let them slip, they are all our friends, we
are as one People. As soon as possible all the Nations shall be acquainted that you have
taken them by the Hand in friendship

Gave a Belt

Brother, / the Beaver Speaker /

As to laying out a Piece of Ground for you to plant Corn in for the support of your-
selves and us living here, we can give no answer to it; you must apply to our Uncles, the
Six Nations for the very ground we live on belongs to them

Gave a String

Brother, / the Beaver Speaker /

I have now done speaking to you at Present, when every thing you have said to us is
considered by all Nations to the Sun setting you shall hear what we have all to say
to you next Spring, Perhaps in Philadelphia

The Beaver then speaks to the Wyandotts,
Uncles

When the Deputies from all the Nations to the Sun setting met here last year they
sent Messages by me to all the Nations living towards the Sun rising, I now acquaint
you that answers are come to the several Messages they sent by me, that I will go soon
to your Country myself and deliver the answers, and I desire they may all tell, till I
come there said it will not belong

The Beaver then speaks to the Ottaways, Chippawas and Putawatimays,
Grandchildren.

Your Nations sent Messages at the same time our Uncles the
Wyandotts did, I desire your Nations may be acquainted that I am coming with
answers to their Messages from the Nations living this way

Gave a Belt

The Beaver then spoke to the Twightwees
Grand Children.

I desire you may acquaint all your Tribes who live in another Country that I will likewise
visit them and deliver their Answers in their own Country

The Beaver then acquainted the Six Nations that he had done Speaking gave a Belt

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Present

The Honourable Brigadier General Monckton Commander of all his Majesty's
Forces in the Southern Provinces

Sir John M'Clain Deputy Quarter Master General

Colonel James Burt

Major Horatio Gates

Captain Mather

Captain Barnely

Captain Campbell

Captain Gordon

} with a Number of other Officers

George Croghan Esq. Deputy Agent for Indian Affairs

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Indians

Six Nations

Toungourawa

Connodguyall

Ojeredungas

Oroadedecha

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Putawatimex

Weaponaham, a Chief

5 Warriors

The Chief of the Six Nations Opened the Conference with the following Speech
Brethren, the Wyandotts and Nephews of all other Nations listen to what I am
going to say,

You all know the French at D'Arce had some of our Fish and Blood
in Prison there, we have been here brightening and strengthening the Chain of friendship
with our Brethren - We expected to have heard of his being released, but as we have heard
nothing of it. I now acquaint you that all our Warriors are very uneasy at not seeing

him. I acquainted you we will go for him and if the French refuse to deliver him we will
Dye with him.

The Principal Warrior of the Delawares then got up and desired all
the Indians of the several Nations to give attention to what he was going to say in behalf
of the Warriors of their Nation, and then spoke as follows directing his Speech to the General
Brother,

Yesterday our Counsellors and you finished your own business in renewing and
brightening the Chain of Friendship, We Warriors are well pleased with what you
have both done, it is all good, and we desire that the Warriors will likewise be
satisfied with what has been done. Brother you are the Chief Warrior of our Brethren
here and I speak in behalf of all our Warriors. What has been Transacted between you and
our Counsellors we confirm and we assure when our Chiefs meet at the Old Council
Fire where they are invited, we will agree to every thing they transact there with our Brethren
for keeping the Chain of Friendship from contracting any rust for the future, as we
have thrown from our Remembrance every thing that is evil, we desire you will
do the same. In Confirmation of what I have said I give you this Belt

Give a Black Belt & Arrow

Brother,

We have renewed our ancient Friendship the Evil Weapon which breed the
Difference between us, we hope that God will hide forever from our sight, we hope
you have done the same.

You have often desired to see some of your flesh and Blood, we now open our
Blinds, and deliver you some of them, don't press us on that head God will direct us, and
you will see them all, as we are now Brethren again let us not enter into any more disputes
Delivered 7 Prisoners

Brethren,

As the ancient Chain of Friendship Subsisting between your and our Ancestors
is now Renewed, and made as strong as it is in our Power to do, I once more assure you
nothing can give us more pleasure, we have now nothing to do but go to our former employment
of hunting to get Skins to Exchange with our Brethren for goods for our families, and
we hope you will Order Ammunition to be sold to us at reasonable Price.

Give a White Belt & Arrow

He then acquainted the General he had done speaking in behalf of the Warriors

The General then made the following Speech

Friends & Brethren that live Over the Lakes,

With this String of Wampum I desire you to be wised with. It was said to you yesterday
by your Brethren of the Six Nations concerning a Chief of theirs detained in Prison by the French.
it is equally your Concern and you ought therefore unanimously and without delay, to
insist on his Release, and an acknowledgment for so great an insult.

Friends & Brethren, Chiefs and Warriors of the several Nations,

I am very glad to find you all so hearty in the renewal of our ancient friendship
and sincerely wish it may long continue so.

Your giving up the Prisoners yesterday
is a true mark of it. I did not intend to press you for them, as I was convinced that your
own Hearts would have dictated it to you in kind from the Sincerity of our Behavior to you.

9 Friends & Brethren,

I cannot help mentioning to you the loss of some of our People lately near the Lake, the more so as the party that committed it were disguised as Indians, a stratagem used by the French to try to break the friendship subsisting between us and our Brethren - By this Belt I expect you will keep the Road clear and not suffer such accidents for the future. We have it in our power to curb the French, our Proceedings are open to you. And for the Good and Welfare of your several Nations I will now Order that you may have powder and Lead, and will at all times contribute as far as I can to relieve your necessities, but I expect you will not suffer your young Men to take our Horses as they have done. The Goods that are come as a present to your several Nations are all equally divided for you -

Gave a Belt

The Chief of the Wyandotts made the following Speech to all the Nations Brethren,

I have heard what the Warriors of the Six Nations said to us yesterday, and what our Brothers the English said to us on the same subject today. I now acquaint all the Warriors of the several Nations here that we are one flesh and blood with the Six Nations, and are determined to go with them to release their Flesh and Blood out of the Hands of the French, and are ready to resent the Insult put on the Six Nations - By this String I assure our Brothers the English that we will do as the General desired us.

Gave a String

The Chief Man of the Ottawas spoke in behalf of themselves and the Putawatimies addressing himself to the General

Brother,

We have heard what our Grandfathers the Delawares said yesterday to you that have taken fast hold of the friendship you have offered them, all past differences is now forgot, and I assure you in behalf of our Nations that we have likewise taken fast hold of it and shall never let that slip out of our Hands, and we desire you to be strong, you may depend on our Nations to be your Real Brethren tho we live amongst your Enemies we shall never assist them, but on the contrary we will assist you if you want us.

Gave a large Bunch B. Wampum